

TOWN OF WILBRAHAM
240 Springfield Street
Wilbraham, Massachusetts 01095
(413) 596-2800, Ext. 204



WILBRAHAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES FROM JANUARY 25, 2016

The Conservation Commission meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM

Members present: George Reich, Acting Chairman, Robert McMaster, Paul Ekness, Tom Reavey and Stoughton Smead

Chairman Chris Brown arrived at 7:20 PM

Staff: Melissa Graves, Administrative Assistant

Minutes: January 11, 2016

Motion: Paul Ekness, accept minutes as amended

2nd: Robert McMaster

Unanimously in favor: Robert McMaster, Paul Ekness, Tom Reavey and Stoughton Smead

Order of Conditions Spectacle Pond – walkway and dock

Motion: Paul Ekness, accept the conditions as written

2nd: Tom Reavey

Unanimously in favor: Robert McMaster, Paul Ekness, Tom Reavey and Stoughton Smead

Enforcement Order Wilbraham & Monson Academy

At this time Commissioner Paul Ekness recused himself from the discussion.

Present: Joe Salvador and Chris Reed, Wilbraham & Monson Academy

The Conservation Commission issued the Enforcement Order to the Academy because of an alteration within 100' of a wetland. Several Commission members went to the site to confirm site conditions relating to the Enforcement Order. Upon inspection, it appears that some work was done within 100' of a wetland. Joe Salvador, the Wilbraham Monson Academy Director of Maintenance, indicated that the road was always there and that they were merely cutting the brush back and removing dead trees. He also indicated that the project would include loaming and seeding the side hill as well as putting a log across the roadway to prevent access to vehicle traffic. Commissioner Stoughton Smead expressed his concern over a project that should have required a filing with the Conservation Commission. Christopher Reed, the individual who will be taking over as the Academy Director of Maintenance will be gathering information and will be filing a Request for Determination. The Commission agreed to allow the academy to place a log across the access road.

Enforcement Order 196 Springfield Street

Present: Mr. Hatch, owner of parcel

Several Commission members went to the site to confirm site conditions relating to the Enforcement Order. The homeowner indicated he recently purchased the property and the yard had quite a bit of storm damage. He cleaned up the debris not aware that that he was working within 100' of a wetland and may have needed permission from the Conservation Commission. The Commission observed mesh over straw to stabilize any erosion that may occur. Overall, the Commission observed a stable site and suggested to the owner that he check with the Commission prior to any further work within 100' of the wetland.

Motion: Stoughton Smead, lift the Enforcement Order

2nd: Paul Ekness

Unanimously In Favor: Tom Reavey, Paul Ekness, Stoughton Smead, Robert McMaster

Proposal Thayer Brook – Invasive Specie Management Project

The Conservation Commission received a proposal from Polatin Ecological Services to perform duties involving the Invasive Species Management Project at Thayer Brook. Proposed tasks include foliar spraying as well as hand pulling of bittersweet and honeysuckle. The tasks are scheduled thru 2018 and will cost a total of \$2990.00.

Motion: Paul Ekness, accept proposal from Polatin Ecological Services not to exceed \$2990.00

2nd: Stoughton Smead

Unanimously In Favor: George Reich, Tom Reavey, Paul Ekness, Stoughton Smead, Robert McMaster

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM. The Conservation Commission will reconvene at its next scheduled meeting on Monday, February 8, 2016 at 7:00 PM.

Submitted:

Approved As To Form And Content:

Melissa Graves, Administrative Assistant

Christopher Brown, Chairman

Date: _____

Date: _____